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FOR: NON-VOLATILE
SEMICONDUCTOR
MEMORY DEVICE HAVING
MEMORY CELL ARRAY
SUITABLE FOR HIGH
DENSITY AND HIGH
INTEGRATION

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

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In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated March 25, 2002, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Specie I associated with Figures 6-11, and identify Claims 1-13 as corresponding to Specie I. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

In light of the above, a full examination on the merits is hereby requested. In the event that issues arise in the application which may readily be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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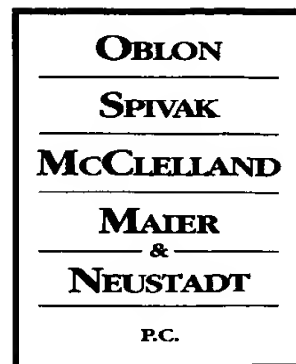


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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

ELECTION RESPONSE

No check is attached for fee since it is believed no fees are owed. In the event fees are owed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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